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Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application
 Appl. No. 10/045,408; Filed: January 14, 2002
 For: **Method And System For Configuring RAID Subsystems With Block I/O Commands And Block I/O Path**
 Inventors: NOYA *et al.*
 Our Ref: 1875.5940000

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated September 9, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
3. Notification Of Loss Of Entitlement To Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2) When Issue Fee Is Due;
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,709.00 to cover the \$1,400.00 Issue Fee; the \$9.00 Advance copies of patent; and the \$300.00 Publication Fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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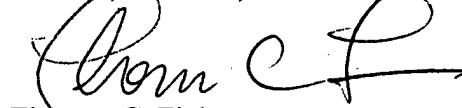
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C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/045,408
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$1400.00
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) \$300 pub fee; \$9.00 patent copies					\$309.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	- 20 **=	X	=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	- 3 **=	X	=	Multiple Dependent		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	88	2201 44 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	300	2203 150 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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